GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue (Commercial Tax) Dept. - Surprise check conducted by the ACB over the Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore district on 10.10.2013 - Certain irregularities noticed - Departmental action initiated - Charged Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings - Charges issued - Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries - Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer appointed - Representation filed by Smt.A.Devaki, W/o.Late Sri Agnihothram Venu Gopal, Office Subordinate, who expired on 14.11.2023 - Abate Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 542 Dated: 09-06-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.C.No.38/DES-NNL/2013, dated 22.01.2016.
2. U.O.Note No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8, dated 29.11.2022 of Genl. Admn. (COI.R) Dept.
3. G.O.Rt.No.336, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 04.04.2023.
4. G.O.Rt.No.337, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 04.04.2023.
5. U.O.Note No.2276066/GAD/COI-R/2023-3, dated 19.12.2023 of Genl. Admn. (COI-R) Dept.
6. G.O.Rt.No.331, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 18.03.2024.
7. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V1/245/2023, dated 23.06.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has informed that a surprise check was conducted at the Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore district on 10.10.2013 by the ACB at the counters maintained by the Commercial Tax Department (both incoming and outgoing check posts), Mines & Geology Department and Forest Department, which revealed certain irregularities. Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, the defense of 17 Charged Officers, namely 1) Smt.P.Lakshmi Madhavi, CTO, Gudur; 2) Sri P.Mallikarjuna Rao, DCTO, Administrative Officer; 3) Sri B.B.Prasanna Kumar, ACTO; 4) Sri E.Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy, ACTO; 5) Sri K.Kiran Kumar, Jr.Asst; 6) Sri P.V.Jagadeesh Kumar, Jr.Asst; 7) Sri H.Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst; 8) Sri N.Vidya Sagar, Jr.Asst; 9) Sri K.Srinivasulu, DEO; 10) Sri A.Ramanaiah, Attender; 11) Sri A.Venu Gopal, Attender; 12) Sri S.Venkata Prasad, ACTO, 13) Sri P.Hari Krishna, Jr.Asst; 14) Sri S.K.Shabbir, Jr.Asst; 15) Sri P.Ramesh, Jr.Asst; 16) Sri G.Ramu, Attender and 17) Sri R.Ranganayakulu, Attender respectively were placed before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the General Administration (COI.R) Department, have nominated Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Smt.P.Lakshmi Madhavi, CTO and 15 others, following the abolishment of the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings.

3. Whereas, after following the vigilance procedure, in the reference 3rd read above, Government have appointed Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Smt.P.Lakshmi Madhavi, CTO and 15 others and in the reference 4th read above, Sri Sarva Srinivasa Rao, Advocate was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, the General Administration (COI-R) Department have informed that the tenure of Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), as

Member, COI, had been completed and this case has been re-assigned to Dr.Laxminarasimham, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner of Appeals, O/o.CCLA and COI (I/c.) on administrative grounds.

5. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, Government issued orders re-assigned the case to Dr.Laxminarasimham, IAS (Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Appeals, O/o.CCLA and COI (I/c.) to enquire into the charges framed against Smt.P.Lakshmi Madhavi, CTO and 15 others.

6. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the Chief Commissioner of State Tax has stated that the Joint Commissioner (State Tax), Nellore Division has forwarded the representation of Smt.A.Devaki, W/o.Late Sri Agnihothram Venu Gopal, the then Office Subordinate, O/o.Joint Commissioner (State Tax), Nellore Division (Charged Officer-11 in this case) who expired on 14.11.2023 and requested abate charges under sub-rule 7(a) of Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter abate further action against Sri Agnihothram Venu Gopal, the then Office Subordinate, O/o.Joint Commissioner (State Tax), Nellore Division, who was passed away on 14.11.2023 subject to the recovery of dues, if any, from their terminal benefits, as per Rule 9(7) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter under intimation to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The legal heirs of Sri Agnihothram Venu Gopal, the then
Office Subordinate, O/o. Joint Commissioner (State Tax),
Nellore Division (Charged Officer-11) (through the
Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh,
Kunchanapalli, Guntur)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh,
Kunchanapalli, Guntur district

Copy to:-
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada, for information
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh
Vigilance Commission, for information
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SECTION OFFICER